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ABORTIVE RETALIATION FOR REDUCTIONS.

STILL MORE RETURNS.

The firmness with which the returning strikers have been dealt, particularly those at the Kowloon Dock and Naval Yard, has resulted in a great deal of heart burning among those affected and it is known to the authorities that strikers' meetings have taken place with the object of retaliation of some sort but the lukewarmness among their own ranks is defeating their own ends and according to the police report more workers have returned to the Whampoa Dock Co., the Green Island Cement Co., the Hoken works and Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co.'s yard.

There is alleged to have been intimidation of Chinese who have been newly taken as tram drivers but apparently it has been without avail for the Hongkong (lower levels) Tramway Co. announce further extensions to their service. As from to-morrow, trams will run to Kennedy Town as in normal times and the Happy Valley trams will not turn back at the Post Office but proceed direct to Whitty Street.

Alleged to have in his possession seditious pamphlets, a Chinese was arrested at Wanchai yesterday. His excuse was that the papers had been handed to him by another man, but the latter, as expected, could not be found. He has been charged and will be dealt with in due course.

Shipping Position.

Fifty-eight of the 97 ocean-going vessels at present in the harbour are British, of the 6 departures yesterday 2 being British and of 11 arrivals 5 being British.

The Butterfield and Swire ship Nanchang, which has been lying idle at Swatow for some weeks, has been brought back to Hongkong by naval ratings from H.M.S. Bluebell and is at present anchored in Kowloon Bay.

The Chinese naval transport boat Kiangping has again passed through on its way from Shanghai to Pratas Shoal carrying a further 350 tons of building material for the wireless station that the Chinese Maritime Customs are erecting there.

"NO JUNE PAY."

THE K. R. A. RESCINDS PREVIOUS RESOLUTION.

In order that a united front may be presented to returning servants, the Kowloon Residents' Association has rescinded a previous resolution under which they recommended members to pay servants' wages up to the day on which they left service, and it has been decided that members now be recommended to pay no wages for June where servants left during that month. It was further recommended that rates of pay for returning servants should not be higher than those prevailing before the strike.

This was done by the Committee of the Association which held a meeting last night. It was not thought necessary to call a meeting of Kowloon residents to approve of the Committee's action having regard to the unanimous opinion of the very representative public meeting at the Theatre Royal.

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FURTHER DEMOBILISATION OF MEN.

Over a hundred officers and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps have already handed in their equipment at Headquarters and returned to civil life and dress.

From to-night will take effect the further demobilisation of about fifty men from the Armoured Car section and the Field and Night sections of the Engineers, also numbering another fifty.

STRIKE LEVIES.

POSITION IN KONGMOON DESCRIBED.

FOREIGNERS SAFE.

An interesting letter from the "China Mail's" Kongmoon (Pak-kai) correspondent, which took several days to come down owing to a Post Office strike at that port, and written before steamers established communication between Macao and Kongmoon, reads:—

Thanks to Commander Li Yat-nok preserving order, there has been no danger to foreign lives or property here. A notification by the Canton Government has been posted up on the Customs wall, warning agitators against interfering with the Customs foreign staff.

The situation is not very serious. There are low-boats running here from Canton and Macao. Intimidators have tried to influence the Chinese employed by foreign firms without success, but the position was once critical owing to the violence threatened. A lot of Messrs. Shiu Fat, corn-producers, was arrested by strikers for supplying bread to foreigners, but was released the next day. Prices of rice and flour have come down, but kerosene is very expensive, costing as much as \$8 or \$9 (Canton subsidiary silver coin) per tin. Tinned provisions are also expensive.

Motor boats for up-country ports have stopped for several days on account of a shortage of crude oil. The Sunning Railway runs only three trains a day, instead of four, because of a shortage of coal.

There have been few developments on the Chinese side with the exception, of course, of students treating crowds to street-corner speeches. Strikers are making levies from merchants for their cause. A large sum has been collected on the following schedule:—Rice mills \$50 each; bankers \$30 each; large shops \$25 each; small establishments \$5 or \$10 each. Most of the money has come from firms in Kongmoon or Sanwui city. An attempt to collect in Pakkai was nipped in the bud, the Chinese commanding officer pointing out that a false impression would be created and bad feeling would arise if permission were given in Pakkai where there is a number of foreign residents.

Pirates, however, have not been on strike but seem rather to be working overtime. Welcome appearances of H.M.S. Moorhen, and H.M. armed launches Kwong Lee and Don Juan have had a salutary effect, and the Tung On, flying the naval ensign, is just as much welcomed.

Politically there is little to report except that Chan Wing-wai, magistrate of Sanwui, has been replaced by Au-Ling-kwong, a member of the Kuomintang.

MERCHANTS MEET.

RICE EXPORT RESTRICTION DISCUSSED.

The restriction on export of rice was again before the Trade Maintenance Bureau meeting yesterday, and reasons were advanced why it was desirable that it should be done away with. The rice which merchants were having to hold would feed the Chinese population for at least three months, as there were in all some 200,000 bags. Business could still be transacted and these stocks not affected in any way.

It was decided that the Chinese members on the Legislative Council should be asked to go into the matter.

The bureau is now endeavouring to restore the steamship services between Hongkong and Canton.

The following typhoon warning has been received from the Manila Observatory by the American Consulate General, Hongkong: 8.24 p.m. July 28: Cyclone or typhoon E. of Balintang Channel, moving N.W. or N.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The dollar rate of the dollar on demand today was 2/11 1/2.

MERCHANTS' QUANDARY.

WHY RIOT HAS GOT THROUGH TO CANTON.

\$1,000 SQUEEZE.

Chinese merchants in Hongkong who although they are opposed to the Bolshevik principles of administration of the Government of Canton have been forced by economic circumstances to do business with them are being very severely squeezed by them and, in fact, the temporary strike Government in force at other ports.

A merchant informed a "China Mail" representative this morning that the Canton Government was forcing merchants to pay \$1,000 for the privilege of discharging cargo and at Swatow the "squeeze" was considerably higher, averaging something like \$2,500, and in some cases, stated the "China Mail" informant, as much as \$4,000 had had to be paid.

The merchants were not doing business with Canton from choice but to prevent themselves having to go into bankruptcy, large stocks of rice being at Bangkok in connection with which they had incurred liability.

As regarded the food situation in Canton there was no scarcity of rice, added the merchant, although there was a market for it. The price had not soared up as had been stated, but was as a matter of fact a fraction lower than \$8 a picul (Hongkong money) less than pre-strike times. The period during which it had risen to \$12 odd a picul (Hongkong money) was when the Hongkong dollar had gone down.

THEFT OF RECORDS.

EURASIAN PLEADS GUILTY.

A PLEA FOR LENIENCY.

Through Mr. M. Girardot, manager for Pathe Orient, pleading for leniency for an Eurasian who had admitted stealing gramophone records from him, a prosecution this morning was adjourned till to-morrow for Police inquiries.

George Clayton, pleaded guilty before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest to the theft of seven records from Messrs. Pathe Orient, at the firm's premises, No. 12, Queen's Road Central.

Defendant made no reply when His Worship asked why he had done such a thing. Sub-Inspector Richard Lanigan, prosecuting, informed His Worship that Clayton went into the shop and inspected a number of records when he suddenly dashed out with a number of them. Defendant was chased by the manager, intercepted and arrested.

Clayton claimed to have been born in Shanghai and that he had been here two years, having done "office work." His employers were the Chung Wo Co., he said. Mr. Girardot submitted to His Worship that, in view of the little value attached to the records and seeing that defendant had been taught a lesson, the latter be dealt with leniently.

His Worship stated, however, that he preferred to put back the case till to-morrow to enable the Police to make enquiries of the defendant's employers.

GAVE NO NOTICE.

An Indian lorry driver who left the employ of the Kowloon Tong and New Territory Development Company without giving notice at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, was ordered to forfeit half a month's wages in lieu of notice and further fined \$20.

His excuse to his employers at the time he left was that he had a car of his own which he wanted to drive himself, and his Chinese employee had left him.

The abortive strike of Kowloon bus drivers was mentioned in the course of the hearing. Sub-Inspector Alexander, of the Traffic Department, stating that on the 6th inst. he had met the man and asked him to supply the police with five drivers within five days. He was not authorised to commandeer drivers, said the Sub-Inspector.

FAIRY TALES.

CHINESE AGITATOR ARRESTED.

THE NEED FOR PROPAGANDA.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, July 28.

A Chinese, an alleged agitator, has been arrested.

It is stated that he was informing a crowd that British troops had been defeated in China and that warships had been sunk.

This is the first case of the kind in Singapore.

OUR GLASS TRADE.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH SUPPLIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 28.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Robert Morrison, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister said that there was no reason to think that the present agreement between the Harriman combine and the Soviet Government, would interfere with supplies of manganese and peroxide to British glass-makers. He pointed out that satisfactory supplies of manganese and peroxide were obtainable from other sources—for example India, also that other substances were available for use as glass decolourisers.

TIME IT TAKES.

SHANGHAI SHOOTING ENQUIRY.

TEACHING AGREEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 28.

In the House of Commons replying to questions with regard to the judicial enquiry into the disturbance at Shanghai, Mr. R. McNair, Foreign Office, pointed out that communications must first pass between a number of nations and nothing could be done until agreement had been reached.

DRUG EVIL.

FURTHER ADDITIONS TO LIST.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 28.

The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the dangerous drugs bill, the main object of which is to ratify the decision of the international opium conference at Geneva, that opium leaves and Indian hemp are to be added to the dangerous drugs list, the importation of which were prohibited by the 1920 Act.

U. S. PREPAREDNESS.

PLANS FOR AIR PORT BASE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

San Diego, July 28.

The secretary for the navy, Mr. Wibur, announced a plan for making San Diego a home Air Port for rigid dirigibles like the Los Angeles and Shenandoah, transferring the whole "lighter than air" activities of the navy to an operating base which would be constructed here.

HEIRESS WEDS.

RICHES AND NOBILITY UNITE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, July 28.

Mrs. Guinevere Gould, widow of the late G. J. Gould, and heiress of part of the Gould fortune, was married to-day at Montreal to Viscount Dunsford, son of the Earl of Middleton.

STINNES SHARES.

FINANCIAL SAFEGUARDS ARRANGED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, July 28.

According to the Cologne Gazette, arrangements are being made to safeguard the financial interests of the Stinnes family in the event of a liquidation of the Stinnes industrial group.

BRITAIN'S COAL.

INDUSTRY'S PROBLEMS REVIEWED.

CAUSES OF THE CRISIS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 28.

The court of inquiry investigating the coal mining dispute has reported that the workers are justified in claiming the incorporation of the minimum wage provision of any wages agreement. The court concurs with the view that wages at the agreed minimum rate should be a charge before the profits. It opines that there is considerable room for improving the coal industry's efficiency as a whole and thereby afford aid to its economic position. Improvement in the distribution of coal might lower the price and stimulate the demand.

The commission says that the present crisis has been to a large extent created by neither of the parties to the dispute, but is the inevitable sequel of the economic upheaval due to the war. The commission glides over the question of the royalty system, the decline in the demand attributed to the falling off of foreign sales, oil-burning ships, the growth of hydro-electric power and the great increase in coal production in countries formerly our best customers. Foreign competition is also noted.

Cabinet And A Subsidy.

London, July 28.

It is learned that the Cabinet to-day considered the question of a temporary subsidy for the coal mining industry; also several other possible solutions of the dispute, but it has not yet reached a final decision. It is understood that at the Premier's request, the coal owners are likely to withdraw the notices conditionally.

Later.

Sir Josiah Stamp, one of the commissioners in an addendum, partially attributes the worsening of the position during the past few months to the effects of the introduction of the Gold Standard and the attendant deflation. He says that witnesses conveyed the impression that the resumption of the Gold Standard means a shilling a ton difference in the price of coal.

International's Decision.

Paris, July 29.

Britain, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, and Czechoslovakia were represented at a private meeting of the Executive Committee of the Miners' International, presided over by Mr. Herbert Smith, which examined the international position in relation to the coal crisis. They passed a resolution calling on Trade Unions to strive to achieve the nationalisation of coal mines; and international control of production. They promised international action in the event of mines stoppage in Britain on August 1. If a stoppage does not eventuate in the immediate future, the committee demanded that production be limited in other countries so that Britain does not suffer.

GREAT EFFORT.

RIFF MOVEMENTS CAUSE ANXIETY.

WATER FROM AEROPLANES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, July 28.

The Riffs are reported to be preparing a great effort before the arrival of French reinforcements, the news of which is causing them anxiety.

Telegrams from Fez state that the Riffs, after a period of reorganisation, are now resuming the offensive and re-appearing at various sectors on the front. Apparently a march on Fez is the enemy's objective and Wazzan has been threatened.

The enemy is consolidating positions to the East of Fez and to the North of Wazzan but has not yet been engaged.

The Riffs are reported to have been supplied with water by aeroplanes.

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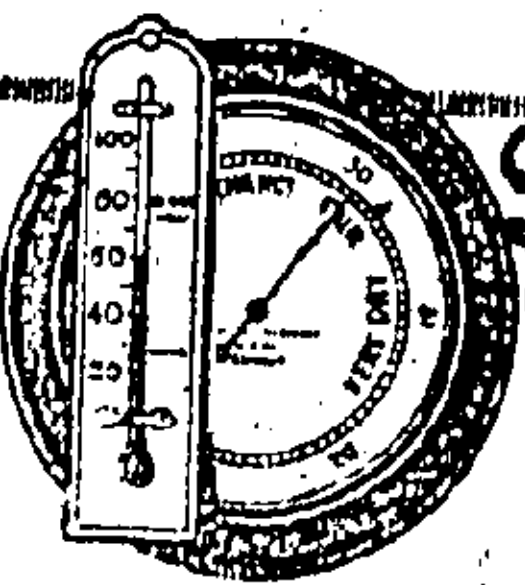
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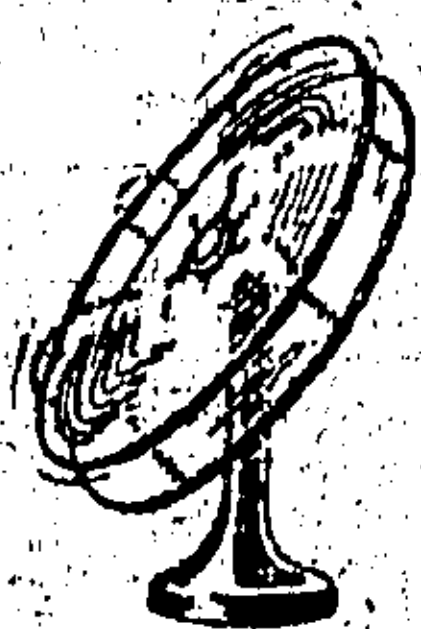
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FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The funeral of Mr. Chai Siu-ki
will take place to-morrow. The
procession will leave the Tung
Wah Hospital at 1 p.m. sharp and
is timed to arrive at the Yat Pit
Ting (Kennedy Town) at about
2.30 p.m. It is understood that
H.E. the Governor and other
officials will attend.

THOSE GUILDS.

If one were dealing with people
of balanced mentality it might be
said that the logical reasoning of a
striker who followed the advice of
his Guild and left Hongkong for
Canton should be that, once having
experienced the folly of putting his
trust in Guild officials, he would
see to it that in future his monthly
contributions should go to some
more worthy and personally profit-
able object. But people who leave
situations worth \$30, \$40, \$100 a
month—and in some cases con-
siderably more—for the uncertain
prospects of Canton, which they
have known would have to be
into such a state.

Although the matter was not one
of those broached at Monday night's
meeting, if the Government decid-
ed to take action, it would undoubt-
edly have the support of the entire
community, for all know that the
Guilds are pernicious, and that it is
high time that their baneful activi-
ties were effectually curbed.

The First 100,000.

One of the notable war books
was Ian Hay's "The First Hun-
dred Thousand," which graphically
dealt with the first big armies
raised for the Front at a time
when the irksome condi-
tions of war time were
novel as well as incom-
moding. It requires no great
strain of the imagination to draw
an analogy between that "First
Hundred Thousand" and the first
hundred thousand meals served
during the local strike by the
Hongkong Hotels, Limited. The
conditions since June 19 have
been akin to a state of war in
more respects than one; they have
to many been irksome, but they
have also been novel and likewise
incommoding. Looking to the
unique circumstances under
which the hotels, in common with
businesses and households, were
left without sufficient labour to
"carry on," it must generously be
conceded that the supplying of an
average of 2,500 meals a day
establishes a record of which the
whole community must be proud.
Whilst the forces behind the
strike movement sought—and are
seeking—to create an economic
blockade of the Colony, they have
been dealt a vital blow in
regard to the morale of the Hong-
kong Hotels not only "making
good," but even exceeding pro-
strike records to the extent of
serving a hundred thousand
meals, thus incidentally enabling
hundreds of residents and visitors
to eat as well as to work. The
position of the usual state of war
has been reversed. An army can
only march on its stomach, as
some great General once observed
in effect. In the case of Hong-
kong the army of strikers has
little or nothing to march on,
whilst the peaceful residents have
had not the slightest need to
worry about the needs of "the in-
terior," so well have those been
catered for by Mr. Taggart and
his battalion of volunteer work-
ers. Many compliments have
already been showered on the
Hotels since the strike began, but
they have signalled the best
compliment to their own services
in the feat of serving a hundred
thousand meals.

THEY SAY THAT—

"Nowhere in this world of ours is
there any sanctuary now; neither in
the air above, nor the waters be-
neath, nor on the surface of the
solid land; the science of slaughter
is over them all, and has brought
women and children into the battle-
zone. Death and destruction will
know no master, and armed forces
may be our only hope. Therefore
this toast becomes almost a prayer."

—SIR FRANK DICKEER,
President of the Royal Academy,
when proposing the toast of
"The Imperial Services."

"I plead that Age have greater
faith in Youth; that Age bear well
in mind that often Age itself is
merely Youth grown tired of hav-
ing faith in Age."

"And one more plea I make that
those who live in high estate have
better faith in Man, and forget not
that in the Yesterday they were
themselves no greater than the rest,
and in the Morrow will be no more
than the measure of what their
value was to mankind."

—D. ALGAR BAILEY.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Malwa from
Hongkong arrived Marseilles on
July 25 at 7 a.m.

The P.L. s.s. Slavic Prince from
New York sailed from Karatsu,
Japan on July 25, and is expected
to arrive here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of
Australia is due here to-morrow
at 6 p.m. and will berth at Pier 5,
Kowloon Wharf, on arrival at
Hongkong.

The P.L. s.s. Eastern Prince
from New York sailed from
Karatsu, Japan on July 23,
and is expected to arrive here on
August 2.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of
Asia left Vancouver for Hong-
kong, via Japan ports and
Shanghai on July 23, and is due
here on August 10.

HOME CRICKET.

HOBBS MAKES ONLY 22
RUNS.

A "HAT TRICK": 17 WICKETS.

Very little can prevent York-
shire from winning the county
cricket championship for the
fourth year in succession. At
this stage of the season they hold
a commanding lead over Surrey
their nearest rivals, even though
they have dropped two points in
each of three recent matches. Of
their remaining fixtures the
champions have to play Lancas-
hire at Sheffield, Warwick and
Sussex at home, and the follow-
ing away:—Leicester, Essex,
Hants, Sussex and Surrey (at the
Oval). The only matches to
cause them unrest may be the
tussle with the Red Rose and the
visit to the Oval. Even if York-
shire lost both these encounters
the probability is that they would
finish up on top.

Surrey's percentage does not
change as will be seen from the
results detailed below and the
championship table to date. It is
interesting to note, as pointed out
in the "China Mail" about a week
or so ago, that Reuter has cabled
the fact of Surrey's crowd eagerly
waiting for their idol to make a
century and thus tie the record of
Dr. Grace.

"Tipped" by "Plum" Warner as
likely champions, Lancashire has
disappointed and are now third.
They and Surrey are the only ones
left in the running as Middlesex
is virtually out of the race.

If interest is to be necessary for
some of the so-called weaker
counties to spring a surprise on
Yorkshire.

In the results it will also be
seen that V. W. C. Jupp, the
former Sussex amateur and now
the Northants secretary, has per-
formed the "hat trick" and
Parker, the Gloucester profes-
sional has brought off another
astonishing bowling feat. Herbert
Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire opening
batman who won the admiration
of the Australians by his batting
in the last series of Test Matches,
has struck form again.

Results follow:—

Hobbs Makes 22.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 28.

At the Oval, the Surrey v. Kent
match was left drawn, without
even a decision on the first
innings. Scores:—
Kent (1st innings) 367 runs for
7 wickets declared. Hardinge
made 97, Woolley (F.E.) 74 and
Hubble 50.

Surrey (1st innings) 200 runs
for 3 wickets. Sandham made 102
not out.

J. B. Hobbs, whose next cen-
tury will make his aggregate
equal Dr. W. G. Grace's record of
123 centuries in first-class cricket,
was eagerly awaited by the crowd
but was dismissed after scoring
22 runs.

[Less than a fortnight ago,
Surrey easily defeated Kent at
Blackheath.]

Sutcliffe's Big Score.

At Leeds Yorkshire led Middle-
sex on the first innings.

Scores:—
Yorkshire (1st) 528 runs for 6
wickets declared. Leyland made
110, Holmes 50 and Sutcliffe (the
Test Match hero) scored 235.

Middlesex (1st) 184 runs.

Middlesex (followed-on) 149
runs for 4 wickets. G. T. S.
Stevens (the former Oxford
captain) made 66 not out.

[This is also a return match,
Yorkshire having won the first at
Lord's.]

Lanes' Bowling Collared.

At Birmingham Warwickshire
drew with Lancashire. Scores:—

Warwick (1st) 414 runs for 6
wickets declared. The Hon.
F. S. G. Calthorpe made 174 and
Quaife 88.

Lancs. (1st) 124 runs for 2
wickets.

[Earlier in the season, Lanca-
shire took first innings points in
the first match.]

Jupp's "Hat Trick."

At Swansea Glamorgan lost to

Trent Bridge.]

Played Won Lost 1st Inn. 1st Inn. Tis. Points obtained Per-
centage.

Yorkshire.....21.....17.....0.....3.....1.....0.....105.....92.47

Surrey.....17.....12.....3.....0.....0.....0.....85.....69.17

Lancashire.....21.....14.....3.....0.....0.....0.....105.....78.09

Middlesex.....14.....9.....2.....1.....0.....0.....70.....51.42

Notts.....16.....9.....2.....0.....0.....0.....80.....50.00

Essex.....20.....9.....5.....2.....4.....0.....100.....55.00

Kent.....17.....8.....7.....0.....0.....0.....85.....44.12

Northamptonshire.....16.....8.....7.....0.....0.....0.....80.....41.17

Gloucestershire.....19.....9.....9.....0.....2.....0.....95.....47.37

Hampshire.....15.....4.....9.....5.....0.....0.....90.....35.00

Sussex.....20.....6.....10.....1.....3.....0.....100.....36.00

Warwickshire.....18.....5.....10.....2.....2.....0.....90.....35.55

Derbyshire.....17.....10.....7.....0.....0.....0.....85.....25.47

Somerset.....17.....10.....7.....0.....0.....0.....85.....25.47

Lancashire.....18.....11.....7.....0.....0.....0.....90.....27.77

Warwickshire.....20.....11.....9.....0.....0.....0.....100.....22.22

Glamorgan.....17.....16.....1.....0.....0.....0.....85.....1.17

GOODWOOD CUP.

OUTSIDERS FIRST AND
SECOND.

A CLOSE FINISH.

London, July 28.

The Goodwood Stewards Cup
(six furlongs) run at Goodwood
to-day, resulted:—

Defiance.....1.

Sunstone.....2.

Purple Shade.....3.

There were 24 starters. Won
by three quarters of a length;
half a length between second and
third.

Starting prices:—20/1 against
Defiance; 20/1 Sunstone; 100/9
Purple Shade.

New York, July 28.—Despite
his wounds Battling Sild, who was
stabbed, seriously, escaped from
hospital clad in pyjamas, and dis-
appeared in a taxi cab.—Reuter's
American Service.

Northamptonshire by 106 runs.

Scores:—

Northants (1st) 124 runs. W.
W. Timms made 51, Mercer took
5 wickets for 31 runs and Ryan
6 for 54.

Glamorgan (1st) 108 runs.
V. W. C. Jupp took 7 wickets for
34 runs, including the "hat
trick."

Northants (2nd) 154 runs.
Spencer took 7 wickets for 33
runs.

Glamorgan (2nd) 64 runs.
Jupp took 8 wickets for 18 runs,
making his analysis for the match
15 wickets for 52 runs!

[Northants also won the first
match between them.]

Hard Lines, Hampshire!

At Bournemouth Hampshire
led Worcestershire on the first
innings. Scores:—

Worcester (1st) 277 runs.
Hampton made 55.

Hants (1st) 447 runs. Mead
made 213 not out, C. P. Brutton
88; Root took 8 wickets for 165
runs.

Worcester (2nd) 197 runs for 9
wickets. M. K. Foster made 95.

Somerset v. Sussex.

At Bath Somerset lost first
innings points to Sussex. Scores:
Sussex (1st) 248 runs. Cook
made 55 and Cox 64; J. J. Bridges
took 5 wickets for 39 runs.

Somerset (1st) 158 runs.
J. C. W. MacBryan made 80; Tate
took 7 wickets for 75 runs.

Sussex (2nd) 107 runs for 8
wickets declared. J. C. White
took 6 wickets for 43 runs.

Somerset (2nd) 67 runs for 3
wickets.

[In the opening fixture Sussex
lost playing at home.]

Irresistible Bowling.

At Gloucester, Gloucestershire
beat Essex by an innings and 109
runs. Scores:—

Essex (1st) 115 runs. Parker
took 9 wickets for 44 runs.

Gloucester (1st) 287 runs for 6
wickets declared. Dipper made
107.

Essex (2nd) 68 runs. Parker
took 8 wickets for 12 runs.

Parker's analysis, therefore,
would be 17 wickets for 66 runs.
The taking of 17 wickets in a
match goes into Wisden's records.
The last pre-war bowler to accom-
plish the feat was Barnes. Since
the War Freeman (A.P.) and
Matthews (F.C.) have added their
names to this very brief list and
Parker is the third. C. W. L.
Parker's name is already in the
list of those who have taken all 10
wickets in an innings, having done
so at Bristol in 1921. He was
"capped" against Australia, at
Manchester, also in 1921.

[Earlier in the season, Essex
won on their ground.]

"Rain Then Fell."

At Ilkeston Derbyshire and
Notts drew. Scores:—

Notts (1st) 368 runs for 5
wickets declared. Whysall made
140, Gunn (G.) 84 and Walker 81
not out.

Derby (1st) 45 runs for 2
wickets.

Rain then fell and the match
was abandoned.

[Notts won the first match at
Trent Bridge.]

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OUR TELEPHONES.

PROSPECTS OF NEW COMPANY.

SIR GEORGE GIBB'S VIEWS.

At the thirty-first ordinary general meeting of the Oriental Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., on June 19, extended reference was made to the recent change in the company's interests in Hongkong. Sir George S. Gibb, the chairman, who recently visited the East, after expressing indebtedness to the Local Advisory Committee of Singapore, under the chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. V. Gibbons, for their useful work and assistance, and referring to the steps to be taken in regard to the introduction of message rates, for which he hoped soon to be able to get Government sanction, said:—

I will now pass to the affairs of the China and Japan Telephone Co. These appeared to be in a critical state, with the licence due to expire in 1930, and the exchange buildings and equipment so antiquated and inadequate that it was no longer possible to provide for the growing demand for telephones. The public and the Government were becoming increasingly hostile and impatient that something should be done, as previous negotiations had proved quite abortive. Under these circumstances the board decided that I should go to Hongkong to deal with the situation. I arrived there on January 8, and spent 42 days in close negotiation with the Government, the Chamber of Commerce, and a local syndicate headed by Sir Paul Chater, who were represented in the negotiations by Mr. Taggart, a man of great ability and experience and reasonable views. As the result we arrived at the agreement, of which the principal terms are summarised in the report, now before you, and which is to be submitted for approval to the shareholders of the China company at their meeting to be held after this meeting.

NEW HONGKONG COMPANY.

A new company is to be formed and registered in Hongkong with Sir Paul Chater as chairman, and with two nominees of our interests on the directorate, having a capital of five million dollars. We sell to that company our assets and undertake and stores in Hongkong, free from encumbrance debt, which remains as our liability, as from July 1, 1925, at a dollar price equivalent to sterling of £192,000 at the exchange of 2s. 4d. per dollar, plus the value of all stores, and we and payment is fully-paid shares of the new company of the nominal value of £1,400,000 and the balance in cash. I think that there is no doubt that the new shares, of which the public issue is expected to take place about the end of this month, will be readily subscribed and will soon command a substantial premium. Indeed, I understand that the issue price is to be at 10 per cent. premium.

The new company will undertake the necessary extension and re-equipment of the telephone system and will raise the additional capital required for the purpose, and of course we will have the right to participate in new issues to the extent of our holding, which is equivalent to 28 per cent. of the capital.

Arrangements have been made with the Hongkong Government for the grant of a new licence for a period of 50 years. The rates of charge are fixed at \$108 per exchange line, or about 30 per cent. higher than the existing authorised maximum, as a temporary measure. These rates ought to enable the company to pay 10 per cent. dividend from the commencement. But when more capital is spent on the necessary improvements and extensions they will have to be revised, and provision is made for this in the new licence. The basis of future revision is that the rates, which, if not agreed, are to be settled by arbitration, shall always enable the company, after reserving 10 per cent. on the book value of plant and equipment for depreciation and \$50,000 for general reserve, to pay 12 per cent. Surplus profits, after payment of 12 per cent. dividend, are to be divided equally, one-half being applied to the payment of extra dividend up to 15 per cent. and the other half to reduction of subscription rates.

FAVOURABLE PROSPECTS.

The prospects of the new company are most favourable. It is backed by the most powerful financial group in Hongkong, and the field for telephone development in Hongkong, and the adjoining British territories on the Kowloon side of the harbour is only waiting to be cultivated. The building activity visible in the erection of commercial buildings and residences is amazing. Great areas of land are being reclaimed both on the Hongkong

SANITARY MATTERS.

BANK PROCESSES WHICH IRRITATED.

WELLS CLOSED.

It was decided at a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, to close two wells in Cheung Sha Wan, the water from which had been certified insanitary.

Asked by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin how long the wells had been in existence, the Chairman said he supposed for a great many years, probably a century. As regards the number of people who used them, the point was that there were standpipes available quite near the houses and there was no need to use the wells which were an undesirable source of supply.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin signified his agreement with the closing of the wells providing the standpipes were used.

The interesting statement was made in the course of discussion on another matter that the Board had no power to prevent a Chinese Bank from melting subsidiary coin, which process resulted in sulphur gases penetrating premises above. The Bank could only be approached through the owner of the premises who could be asked to bring pressure to bear on them. It would not be difficult, said the M.O.H., to take steps to carry the gases from the furnaces above the roof. On his proposition it was decided that the Board require the owner of the premises (No. 67, Des Vaux Road) to take steps to prevent the escape of gases in any way except by means of an efficient flue carried above the roof.

Plans for a market at Waterloo Road were approved.

It was mentioned that long leave had been approved for Mr. D. Davies, First Clerk and Assistant Secretary, Senior Inspectors, and Duncan and Inspectors, Fluke, Savage, Watson, and Reid.

side and on the Kowloon side, and thousands of houses are being built, and no sooner built than occupied. I believe that many Chinese, not refugees but substantial people, are coming to settle in the Kowloon district, attracted by the security of British territories.

PROPOSED CASH GRANT TO EMPLOYEES.

The management and operating staff in Hongkong will be transferred to the new company, and we had to consider what to do about pensions for the European members of the staff up to the present time. Some of them have served 14, 15, and 20 years, and you will realise that the pension question is an important matter in connection with service in the East. Most substantial companies have pension or provident funds. It is rather remarkable that the China company did nothing about this in earlier years, as they have for many years paid good dividends. However, we must take things as we find them, and it was not until the year 1923 that the company reserved £2,500 as a nucleus for some pension provision. We have now £5,000 in reserve, which is inadequate as a basis for pension provision in respect of service with the old company if it were merely to be kept and accumulated at interest until the transferred staff retire. The staff have had a very difficult time during the last few years, when the public have been clamouring for telephones which could not be provided owing to lack of accommodation, and some of them had also very hard work in connection with certain valuations that were made a few years ago.

It is only right, therefore, that we should do something for the staff. I ascertained from them that instead of holding up any sum, within the range of practical consideration, to be applied hereafter towards pensions on retirement, they would prefer to get a cash grant which would enable them to subscribe for shares in the new company and thus give them an interest in its promising future.

What we intend, therefore, to submit for the approval and sanction of the shareholders at the China company's meeting is that the reserve of £5,000 shall be utilised, with the addition of £3,000 as a cash grant—that is, a total cash grant of £8,000—for distribution amongst certain members of the staff, the detailed distribution being left to the discretion of the directors. This grant will be in lieu of all pension expectations.

I may mention that £500 of the proposed grant is for distribution amongst certain non-European members of the staff who have given long and faithful service in responsible positions.

EXPERTS' VIEWS.

REASONS FOR PO HING FONG DISASTER.

WALL PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED.

In the course of his evidence and examination at the resumed enquiry yesterday into the Po Hing Fong disaster, Mr. A. W. Tickle, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., said that it was his opinion that the cause of the ground, percolation from the hills above, and aggravation due to heavy rainfalls. The percolation was probably from land south of China Road and had probably been going on for some years.

Nothing protected the site of the new Police Station from a direct fall of rain. From a photograph produced, witness could not show anything protecting it from accumulation of water from Seymour Road, but he knew there was a lateral channel in Hospital Road which would carry an accumulation of water down to the Disinfecting Station. He considered this protection sufficient. As to the site itself he did not suggest that the trenches thereon would hold it watertight. The trenches would take some and the rest would be deflected and go into the Disinfecting Station. He suggested that practically no water would go on the site.

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy, Director of Public Works, was called. He said the question of the position of the new building for No. 8 Police Station was carefully considered and it was decided to erect it 20 feet further back from the retaining wall. This was because the retaining walls were known to be over 20 years old. Careful examination of the walls, particularly the number one wall, the bottom one, was made. No sign of any movement could be found but as an actual precaution it was decided to build further away from the wall. The number one wall was built into solid ground; it was not built and then filled in as some retaining walls were. Behind it was hard unstratified granite. He examined the site in December, 1923 with the engineer, Mr. Lowick, who pointed out all essentials to him. Witness approved the scheme.

Old Cracks.

In reply to the foreman, the Director of Public Works said there were old cracks in the walls but there was then no sign whatever of recent movement. Mr. Lowick was known as a very careful officer with considerable experience of retaining walls. Decomposed granite deteriorated slowly under the action of water. Asked if he considered it a good locality for building, witness said it was a very usual strata on which buildings were constructed in Hongkong.

Asked if he had complaints as to drainage there, witness said he had heard from Police staff since the heavy rains that the Gardens and the roads in the vicinity had been flooded. This was only during heavy rains, and was aggravated by neglect of scavenging.

Capt. Arthur: Would you consider the drainage in that area to be sufficient?—It could be improved.

Witness further said he did consider rebuilding the wall but considered it unnecessary. It would mean building a wall from In Mi Lane 70 feet high which was unnecessary, undesirable and very expensive. There was nothing to show, when he examined the walls, that they were not as good and sound as any retaining wall in the neighbourhood. The new Police Station building would have been no extra thrust on the wall. It was a good wall and well built, but of course the standard of walls nowadays was much higher.

The Excavation. The P.W.D. have taken over the work of excavation and the removal of the remaining debris from the site of the collapse. Digging operations yesterday were carried out by coolies under police supervision without anything of value or further bodies being taken from the ruins.

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BORDER INCIDENT.

WOMEN KILLED BY LABOUR PICKET.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The official report of firing on a boatload of Chinese women by a Chinese Labour picket stationed on the borders is that two women were killed and two drowned.

The report is by the Assistant Superintendent of Police, New Territories, to the Captain Superintendent of Police, and is as follows: "Many and various stories have been circulated regarding the incident, the last information received by me and reported to you being to the effect that one woman only was shot. This information, as reported, appeared to be correct but, having caused further enquiry to be made, I find that the real facts are as follows:—

About 3 a.m., July 15, 1925, eight Chinese women went to Man Kam To Ferry, from Heung Sai, Chinese Territory, with the object of crossing over into British Territory. The reason for their crossing at that hour was to carry away some baskets of liches which had, the previous evening, been conveyed to the British side of the river and there left.

The women, on arriving at the river, went and untied the ferry boat which was moored on the Chinese side of the river. Some of them got into the boat and others were engaged in pushing the boat off when they were hailed by a Labour picket and ordered to return.

The women refused to obey the order, whereupon the picket fired, killing instantaneously one woman and mortally wounding another. The latter was subsequently carried to Heung Sai village, by her daughter (also in the party and who escaped unharmed), and there died. Two other women jumped into the river and were drowned, their bodies having not yet been recovered. The remaining women, three in number, were arrested by the picket and sent next day to Canton. They were subsequently released, one woman returning to Heung Sai on July 20, 1925, and the two others on July 22, 1925.

The women all came from Heung Sai, Chinese Territory, the description of them being as follows:—

- 1.—Name unknown. Wife of Cheung Kwan, Heung Sai village. Shot and instantaneously killed.
- 2.—Surnamed Wong. Wife of Cheung Kwan, Heung Sai village. Died at Heung Sai.
- 3.—Kwai Mei, daughter of No. 2. Escaped unharmed. Carried her mother back to Heung Sai.
- 4.—Name unknown. Wife of Cheung Chui, Heung Sai village. Jumped into the river, and was drowned.
- 5.—Ah Kik, daughter of Cheung Chui, Heung Sai village. Jumped into the river and was drowned.
- 6.—Name unknown. Wife of Cheung Cheuk-wan, Heung Sai village. Taken prisoner to Canton and released and returned to Heung Sai, July 20, 1925.
- 7.—Name unknown. Wife of Cheung Pak-chun, Heung Sai. Taken prisoner to Canton and released and returned to Heung Sai, July 22, 1925.
- 8.—Name unknown. Wife of Cheung Yam, Heung Sai. Taken prisoner to Canton and released and returned to Heung Sai, July 22, 1925.

(Sd.) W. G. GERRARD, Assistant Superintendent of Police, New Territories.

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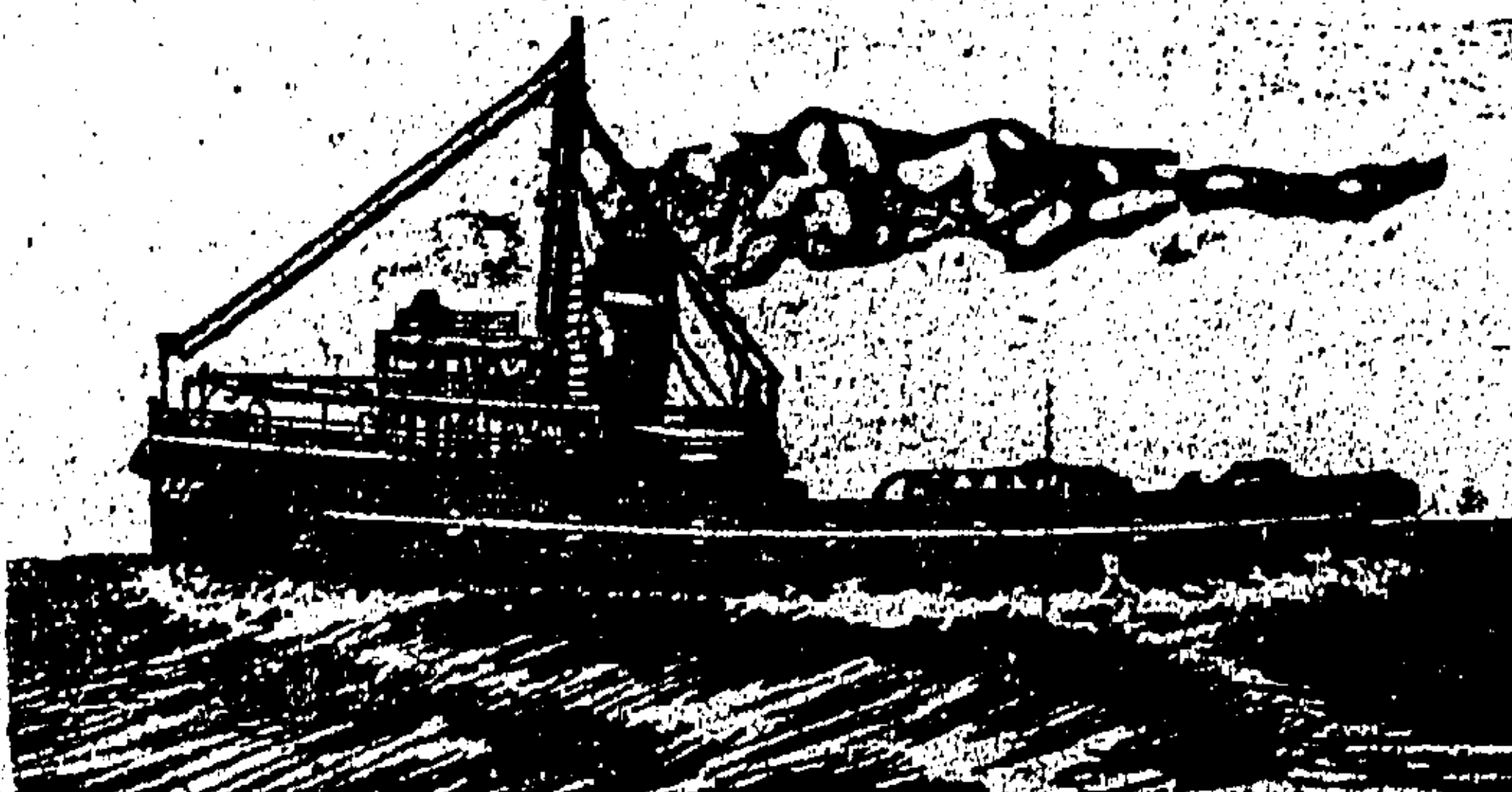
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